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Attorney General John Ashcroft

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a Microsoft shareholder and user, I am writing to express my opinion about the recent antitrust settlement between Microsoft and the US department of Justice. While I am glad to see that Microsoft will not be broken up, I feel strongly that the penalties are still too harsh.

I am a firm believer in private enterprise being unconstrained by government agendas. And in this particular case state governments have no right to be continuing on with litigation. Microsoft has developed new products and services more rapidly than its competitors and it has been a pillar of strength for our economy during the recession.

I hope sincerely that your office urges the nine states withholding to discontinue their actions and let Microsoft begin focusing on what it does best. This is what is in the best interest of the American public, and what is good for the economy.

Sincerely,

Timothy R. Chilson

cc: Senator Rick Santorum